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8 July 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- June

I. GENERAL

June saw the completion of the new bureau. Towards month's end only minor remedial works remained, and we continued to adhere to our planned 7 July move to the new building.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 1 June the Arabic Section placed Lebanese radios on open speaker watch following a monitored report on the Voice of Lebanon indicating that a helicopter carrying Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami had been involved in an "accident." Subsequent reports noted an explosion on board and serious injuries suffered by Karami. A later Paris AFP English report that Karami had died of his injuries was confirmed by the Voice of Lebanon within a few minutes. Two organizations immediately claimed responsibility for the assassination: the Secret Lebanese Army, as reported by Cairo Domestic Service and Radio Free Lebanon; and the Organization of Vengeance for the Martyrs of Islam, carried by AFP and the Voice of Lebanon. With the appointment of Salim al-Huss as acting prime minister and subsequent calm in the wake of the incident, the bureau discontinued its open speaker watch and observed its normal COB.

2. In anticipation of the presentation of the Egyptian Government's policy statement by Prime Minister 'Atif Sidqi, the Arabic Section began a watch on Cairo Domestic Service on the morning of 6 June. Sidqi began his address to the People's Assembly at 0947 GMT and spoke for 1 hour and 23 minutes. The statement was processed in 23 takes, including 2 out-of-turn excerpts, in time for the 8 June DAILY REPORT.

3. The Persian Section placed Tehran Domestic Service in Persian on open speaker watch at 0300 GMT on 7 June in anticipation of coverage of an "anti-imperialist" student rally in Tehran. While the station carried nothing on the rally before London Bureau assumed primary coverage responsibility at 0700 GMT, watch was maintained in the event of possible reception problems in London. After the radio began carrying a speech by Iranian President Khamene'i, London Bureau's reception did deteriorate, and at their request we assumed coverage. Reception at Nicosia was poor, but a summary of the speech from poor reception was filed.

4. Following Beirut radio reports on 18 June that U.S. journalist, Charles Glass; the son of the Lebanese defense minister, 'Adil Usayran, and their driver had been abducted on 17 June, the Arabic Section maintained an open watch on Lebanese radios throughout the day. With Wire concurrence the bureau observed its regular closure when these radios carried no fresh information for 3 hours prior to usual COB. However, the open watch was again instituted on 24 June when Beirut Domestic Service reported that morning that 'Usayran and the driver had been released. The watch was discontinued, with Wire concurrence, in the late afternoon when it became apparent that Glass had not been freed and no reports were monitored indicating that his release was imminent.

5. Due to damage to a marine cable between Greece and Cyprus, Nicosia Bureau lost reception of Paris AFP in English from 1415 GMT 19 June to 1200 GMT 22 June. The Wire assumed coverage responsibility for our area during the outage.

B. Lateral Services

1. The duty editor telephoned the Embassy regional security officer on the evening of 7 June to advise him that Nicosia radio had reported a car bomb explosion in Nicosia. A subsequent report indicated that a man killed in the explosion was the former director of the Cyprus Central Prison. The regional security officer was kept apprised of all monitored reports.

2. In response to a request from a Headquarters consumer the bureau obtained the 31 May edition of Athens EXORMISI TIS KIRIAKIS in Greek, which contained the text of an address by Andres Papandreu, Greek Prime Minister and PASOK chairman, to the opening of the 22nd session of the PASOK Central Committee on 29 May. An exchange of messages with Headquarters revealed that the consumer was interested in Papandreu's remarks on the U.S. bases in a statement made before the committee on 30 May. Excerpts of these remarks were processed, and texting of 29 May speech (approximately 19,000 words) was deferred to Production Group, which regularly covers EXORMISI TIS KIRIAKIS.

3. The bureau assumed coverage of two Persian clandestine stations, Free Voice of Iran and the Voice of the Kavyani Banner, as of 27 June and West Bank Arabic press as of 26 June during the annual leave of Tel Aviv Bureau's Persian/Arabic/Dari monitor. We will retain this coverage until 2 August.

4. On 28 June, Tehran Domestic in Service at 0445 GMT began carrying a new feature, "Morning Magazine", replacing the "Developments on the Fronts" feature. On that day the program featured an article from Tehran JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf, which was processed and filed. The program has been placed on coverage as priority "B".

5. Following the end of Ramadan (29 May) Cairo Television's first program was observed to have reverted to its normal schedule. Following a survey conducted in April and May of this year, the following Program I features have been placed on experimental coverage: "The World in Your Hands" (Tuesdays 1615-1645 GMT), "Public Opinion Asks" (Wednesdays 1615-1700 GMT), and "A Subject for Discussion" (Saturdays 1920-2000 GMT).

Regular coverage of Program II's "Spotlight on the News" in English (Mondays 1820-1830 GMT) also resumed with the end of Ramadan.

6. In light of numerous recent requests for processing from the Beirut AL-SHIRA' and its increasing productivity, this weekly was placed on regular coverage, class "B", with the 22 June issue.

C. Technical

1. Most of June was spent installing racks, monitoring positions and other equipment at the new bureau. A reception check using roof-top antennas indicated that reception was equal to or exceeded that of the current bureau. This confirms reception checks made at the time the site was selected.

2. Some minor problems were encountered when power was applied, primarily in some lighting fixtures which caused noise when first turned on. Several fixtures were found to be defective, but were repaired. Upon close examination it was discovered that German-made fluorescent tubes supplied by the contractor produced much of the static interference. They were replaced by tubes manufactured in Great Britain.

3. The generator tested satisfactorily, reaching full load capacity in 22 seconds. This time will be reduced to 15 seconds later this summer after another test is made.

4. Equipment transferred: One Hewlett Packard Model 1220A Oscilloscope to Key West Bureau.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Following his retirement effective 31 May, Greek Monitor [redacted] converted to contract status on 1 June.

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2. Teletypist [redacted] gave birth to a baby boy, Andreas, on 12 June. Mother and child are doing well.

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3. Engineer [redacted] departed Nicosia 30 June for CONUS (STAT emergency leave.

IV. VISITS

A. [redacted] Chief, FNU, visited bureau 1-2 June.

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for June 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	305410
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	130450
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	967

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9355.00 min.	22260.00 min.	125.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
Arabic

12440

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
English

1250

(Clandestine) Radio Iran in
Persian

0

(Clandestine) Voice of the Kavyani Banner
of Iran

Persian

510

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in
Arabic

5720

(Clandestine) Voice of the People in
Arabic

950

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in
English

400

Nicosia Domestic Service in
Greek

5740

Nicosia Television Service in
English

350

Nicosia Television Service in
Greek

950

Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in
English

1410

Nicosia ELEVETHEROTIPIA TIS
DHEFTERAS in

Greek

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Nicosia ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek		1230
Nicosia HALKIN SESI in Turkish		7270
Nicosia I SIMERINI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek		0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek		1270
Nicosia KHARAVYI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek		0
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek		2520
Nicosia O AGON TIS DHEVTERAS in Greek		300
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek		800
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek		3010
Nicosia PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE in English		3490
Nicosia THE CYPRUS WEEKLY in English		280
EGYPT		
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	24750	
Cairo Television Service in English	1240	
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	250	
Cairo MENA in Arabic		39340
Cairo MENA in English		6970
FRANCE		
Paris AFP in English		4190
GREECE		
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	17040	
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English		2460
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek		2380

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Athens EXORMISI TIS KIRIAKIS in Greek			850
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			1210
Athens KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			1310
Athens KIRIAKATIKOS RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			260
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	0		
Tehran International Service in Turkish	950		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	45450		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	27050		
Beirut Domestic Service in English	1470		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	20610		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in English	220		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	10730		
Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon in Arabic	0		
Beirut AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic			320
Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic			0
Beirut AL-SHIRA' in Arabic			440

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic		0	
Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic	1080		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			430
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			7770
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			1250
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			12080
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			9790
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			6090
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	2890		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Greek to Greece	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	1520		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	1000		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	1790		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London AL-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic			340